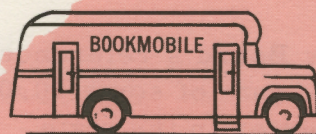


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CHANGES IN NAME AND POLICY

WITH THIS ISSUE NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIANS BECOMES NEWS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES. ALL PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES WILL RECEIVE THE PUBLICATION. UP TO NOW ONLY HEAD LIBRARIANS AND CHAIRMEN OF BOARDS OF TRUSTEES WERE ON THE MAILING LIST.

SLB BUILDING WILL MEAN EXPANDED SERVICES

A feasibility study for the construction of a building to house the State Library Board authorized by the Budget and Control Board has been completed by Geiger and Califf, architects, with J. Russell Bailey as consultant.

The recommended site is near the Center of the State Complex because of the Board's relationship to the State government, Archives, and the University Library services.

One of the greatest unmet needs in South Carolina is for reference and research facilities at State level to serve the Executive and Legislative branches of State government and the various State agencies. The State Library Board plans to offer such facilities to State government and to State agencies as a part of an expanded State Library program. With the information explosion which is characteristic of our time, it is a monumental task to acquire, store, and retrieve for use information pertinent to the conduct of various State agencies and of State government itself. That all State agencies feel a need for reference materials and information pertinent to their programs is evidenced by the number of these agencies which have attempted to

establish agency libraries. No individual State agency is equipped to do this, and the result has been a scattering of valuable material and the frustration of any attempt to use a total collection by the individual interested in research. The State Library Board is equipped to provide this service centrally for all State agencies, to avoid expensive duplication of books and materials, to organize the collection for prompt retrieval of information, and through its staff of professional librarians to offer some assistance in reference and research.

The State Library Board's reference and interlibrary loan collection which is being increased annually at the rate of some 10,000 volumes now constitutes probably the most valuable reference collection in the state. The collection emphasizes materials in the field of business, industry, economics, and government. It includes a comprehensive collection of technical and professional journals providing up-to-date information in many fields of interest to State government. In effect, this collection constitutes a "State Library" collection. All that is needed to open this collection up for the use of the State government and State agencies is space which it is hoped will be provided through an adequate building to house the services and materials of the State Library Board.

South Carolina is the only state which does not provide this type of service at State level. Examples in our area are the Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Florida State Libraries. South Carolina's State Library was established in the early days of the state to serve the Legislature and has carried out this mandate. The State Library Board, with the legislative mandate to extend and improve public library service throughout the state, has endeavored within its means to provide the types of services which have now come to be recognized as those of a general state library. In addition to the extension program, involving State Aid and public library organization, the State Library Board also provides a general reference and interlibrary loan service for the public libraries of the state, library service for the blind and visually handicapped, advisory services to libraries in State institutions, and the collection and publication of library statistics both for public and college libraries. The State Library Board now proposes, when space permits, to offer a high level of information and reference service for government agencies and projects, to eventually provide special information and research service to the Executive and Legislative branches of State government, and to maintain a strong central collection of state, local, and federal documents.

It is estimated that the entire project can be completed for \$1,300,000. Under the Library Services and Construction Act, Federal funds are available for a major share of the cost of the building. The State's portion would be \$450,000; already available are earned funds in the amount of \$130,000 which can be applied to the State's share. Therefore, the State's investment in this \$1,300,000 undertaking would amount to \$320,000.

SYMPATHY TO

Estellene P. Walker, Director, S. C. State Library Board, on the death of her father, December 20, 1964, in Asheville, N. C.

MODEL LIBRARY INSURANCE POLICY

The Library Technology Project of the American Library Association has developed a Model Insurance Policy designed by librarians for libraries. This policy is described fully in a book published by the A. L. A. in July, 1963, and titled, "Protecting the Library and Its Resources." If you do not have this volume in your library, it is available on interlibrary loan from the State Library Board. It contains a great deal of very useful information.

Thomas B. Boyle, Jr. reports that his agency is a member of the Insurance Service Association of America which has been working with the insurance committee of A. L. A. to find insurance companies willing to write the Model Policy, and that the Association has prevailed upon the Hartford Fire Insurance Company to file the form for use in South Carolina.

The Model Policy affords much broader protection for library contents than has hitherto been available. It enables the librarian to select values for the various general collections as well as administrative and holding records. Manuscripts, rare books, and special collection materials are scheduled, and so are fine arts with specified amounts of insurance applicable to each item specifically described.

It covers property belonging or loaned to the library wherever located, and covers all risk of physical loss and damage with only minor exceptions.

Further information on this policy may be obtained from Mr. Boyle at the Boyle-Vaughan Agency, 1328 Sumter Street, Columbia, S. C. 29201.

"NEW LIBRARIES" EXHIBIT

The State Library Board has purchased a photo exhibit, "New Libraries," which features the prize-winning entries in the Library Buildings Award Program of the American Library Association, the American Institute of Architects, and the National Book Committee.

Stressing the elements of good design, the exhibit illustrates the general nature of today's libraries and their contributions to the communities where they have been built.

The exhibit consists of 24 panels, 30 by 30 inches in size, mounted on heavy card stock. A total of 122 photos and plans are shown together with explanatory text. Accompanying the exhibit is a folder providing general background material and listing the names of the architects and buildings. A bibliography, suitable for developing an extended program centered on library design, is included in the folder.

The exhibit is available on loan to library boards contemplating new buildings.

GREENVILLE BOARD CHAIRMAN RESIGNS

Dr. George M. Grimbball, chairman of the Greenville County Library Board, has submitted his resignation as a member of the board. Dr. Grimbball said he considered it an honor and a privilege to have served on the board and "I wish for the board of trustees and the library staff every success in their endeavors to build for Greenville the kind of library it needs and deserves."

BEAUFORT OPENS NEW LIBRARY

Beaufort County's new \$54,400 library was opened for service on November 30. It is the first library in the state to be constructed with funds from the Federal Accelerated Public Works Program, which contributed 50 per cent of the financing.

The 3,000 square foot building provides a 30 by 40 foot reading space for adults and a 25 by 30 one for children. An office, workroom, small rare book room, and two lounges are provided.

Shelf space accommodates the present 16,000 volumes with room for an increase in book stock.

City offices, which now occupy the adjoining building, will soon be moved to the former library building, and the library will utilize the offices which contain 1,400 square feet.

Ray Peppers, librarian, reports a marked increase in the use of the library since the move.

PROGRESS REPORT: FLORENCE COUNTY LIBRARY DEMONSTRATION

The first six months of the Florence County Library Demonstration Program has been marked by the addition of professional staff, the reorganization of the extension service, the establishment of two branches, and the purchase of a new bookmobile. Under the capable direction of Mrs. Marguerite Thompson, librarian, much work has been done to build a firm foundation for the library system and to prepare for gradual enlargement.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Pourciau, Jr. joined the library staff in November as Reference Librarian and Extension Library respectively. Mrs. Hilda Stabovitz, formerly Extension Librarian at ABBE Regional Library, has served as Extension Consultant for three months.

Priority has been given to development of the extension program. A necessary preliminary was the complete inventory of the book collections in the extension department. Records have been corrected and organized, and work is now going forward on shelf-listing these collections with plans being worked out for a master shelflist of holdings located in the Headquarters Library. During this process, books in these

collections were re-evaluated, with worn-out and out-dated books being discarded and worn books rebound.

A new Moroney bookmobile was delivered in December. In anticipation of its arrival, the extension staff had planned new routes and schedules to become effective January 1. These involved a major reorganization of service. Bookmobile I had in previous years carried out its major library service to schools, with a small percentage of service offered to the general public. Emphasis is now being placed upon public service, and the bookmobile operates primarily through community stops in towns, villages, and suburbs in the county. School service is now being offered only as a supplementary service to the school libraries under terms specified in contracts between schools and the County Library. Bookmobile II headquarters have been transferred to the Bowler Branch Library. This bookmobile, which previously served only schools, is adding library service to communities of the county as rapidly as community stops can be developed. It is expected to operate throughout the year rather than the nine months previously scheduled.

Libraries in two communities became members of the library system. The Johnsonville Public Library which was established by the Johnsonville Woman's Club early in 1964 became a branch library immediately following the consolidation of the county library. In December the board of the Lake City Public Library asked to become associated with the county library.

The library has added books and equipment through projects sponsored by the State Library Board. The Book Collection Improvement Project added \$5,190 worth of new books to the library collection. Through the Reference Project, \$2,000 worth of needed reference books are being added. By means of the Replacement Project, \$3,377 is being spent to purchase or rebind books in the juvenile collection. A \$1,500 grant from the Equipment Project made possible the addition of a mimeograph machine, an electric book charging machine and identification cards for readers, electric erasers, a label paster, and plastic display letters.

Florence County Library was granted a collection of essential books on South Carolina history previously awarded to other libraries by the Carolina Materials Project. These books are primarily Xerox copies of valuable books long out-of-print and are available for use by residents of the entire Pee Dee area. A collection of three thousand books from the State Library Board's demonstration collection has also been placed in the library as an indefinite loan.

The library sponsored a Reference Workshop for Pee Dee area librarians in November. Approximately thirty pre-professional librarians attended the successful one-day institute, which was conducted by consultants from the State Library Board.

The noteworthy accomplishments of the past six months were not achieved without difficulties. The rapid expansion of service strained the library's facilities and made heavy demands upon the librarian and her staff. The situation was relieved somewhat by the addition of two department heads, but the library continues to operate with less than the desired number of staff members. Library services are divided between the headquarters building and extension quarters in the County Agricultural Building, with

resulting inconvenience for the staff. Delays in the delivery of the bookmobile and other equipment necessitated the rescheduling of plans and projects. Nevertheless, through the efforts of the librarian and staff, the demonstration program has overridden handicaps and is developing according to schedule.

Looking ahead, the library board and staff are already planning for the coming months. To facilitate the work of the Extension Department and to end the inconvenience mentioned above, the ground floor of the headquarters building is to be renovated to accommodate the extension staff and book collections. Plans have been drawn by Lewis and Davis architects, and bids have been received. It is anticipated that the renovation will begin within a short time. The Reference Department is considering plans for expanding its business reference service. Registration of library patrons is to be extended to the branches and bookmobiles to facilitate unrestricted use of library outlets by all county residents. The library will sponsor one of the State Library Board's graduate scholarships in 1965 and will participate in the library intern program. At least one additional branch library may be established within the next year. Therefore, continued progress is confidently predicted for the Florence County Library.

ABBE REGION ESTABLISHES 17TH BRANCH

On December 11, 1964, the Denmark Branch Library opened as the 17th library in the Aiken-Bamberg-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional System. Before this time it was a subscription library supported by the fees of members. The library is now open to the public on Monday from 2:00 until 5:30 and on Wednesday and Friday from 3:00 until 5:30. Mrs. Gaston Gee, of Denmark, was appointed librarian.

Shortly after the Bamberg County Library joined the Regional System in July, Josephine Crouch, Regional Library Director, was contacted by the Denmark Library Board through Robert L. Zeigler, chairman of the County Library Board and member of the Regional Board. Two organizational meetings followed. Taking part in these meetings were Miss Crouch and Mrs. Hilda Stabovitz representing the Regional Library staff, Norma Lightsey, Field Service Librarian, State Library Board, board members of the Denmark Library and representatives from the County and Regional Library Boards.

The Denmark Library Board agreed to turn over its entire book collection to the Regional System for processing, weeding and any distribution that was desirable. The Regional Library, in turn, placed in the Denmark Branch an initial collection of approximately 2,500 books, including reference, adult fiction and non-fiction and juvenile titles. Margie Herron, head of the Regional System's Extension Department since the retirement of Mrs. Stabovitz, supervised the organization of the library. She was assisted by other Regional Library staff members and by Miss Lightsey.

With cooperation from Mayor W. E. Brooker and the Town Council, the Denmark committee took over the responsibility of renovating the building. The interior was painted (by Committee members themselves), venetian blinds and fluorescent lights installed, and a continuing program set up for protection of the building from insect damage.

OPEN HOUSE AT NINETY-SIX LIBRARY

Several hundred people attended the open house at the newly remodelled Ninety-Six Library on December 6, 1964.

The former fire station was converted to a library with funds made possible through contributions from organizations, business firms, and individuals. The campaign was conducted by the Ninety-Six Library Board of which Dr. L. A. Schneider is chairman. The library which has been in operation since 1961 is a branch of the Greenwood City and County Library.

The Ninety-Six Jaycettes used Christmas decorations for the open house and served refreshments for the occasion.

The Greenwood Index-Journal noted the event in a congratulatory editorial on December 9.

DONATIONS TO LIBERTY LIBRARY

Ralph Sarlin has donated property for the site of a library building and \$5,000 toward its construction to the Liberty Friends of the Library. Mr. Sarlin's contribution was made to honor the Sarlin family and as an appreciation to Liberty residents for what they have meant to the family.

In accepting the gift the directors and members of the Friends voted unanimously to name the library The Sarlin Community Library.

Kenneth Smith, architect, has drawn plans for the building and presented them to the Friends.

Williams Katterhenry, president of the group, announced that an additional \$5,000 would be required for the construction and furnishing of the building. Additional memberships and contributions will be sought for this purpose.

The Liberty Library is a branch of the Pickens County Library.

LIBRARIAN RECEIVES FLEMING FOUNDATION GRANT

Mrs. M. H. Mims, librarian, Edgefield County Library, attended a 3-day institute, November 1-4, on University Archives under a grant from the Fleming Foundation. The institute was sponsored by the Graduate School of Library Science of the University of Illinois at Allerton Park, the University's Conference Center.

The purpose of the Fleming Foundation, established in memory of Porter Fleming, late of Richmond County, Georgia, is to encourage the cultivation of non-material interests.

and enjoyments among the people of this community and the nearby sections of Georgia and South Carolina in which Mr. Fleming lived until his death in 1926, at the age of fifty-nine.

In line with this purpose, the Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County have been named to make an annual grant from the income of the Foundation to an individual or an organization submitting a plan or program or project which, in their judgment, contributes most effectively to the educational, literary, artistic, scientific, historical or musical enrichment of the people of this area.

Residents of Aiken and Edgefield counties are eligible for the grant. It is hoped that the recipient will return to live in this section, and preference will be given to applicants intending such return.

Richmond County Library, Augusta, Georgia, received the first award. It is the present intention of the Trustees to make one annual grant rather than several. The amount will vary from year to year but it is expected to be between three hundred and fifty and four hundred dollars.

Applications may be submitted at any time, but none will be considered that are received after February 1.

Application forms and additional information may be obtained by writing the Secretary, Trustees of the Academy of Richmond County, 138 Eighth Street, Augusta, Georgia.

FIRST GRANT FOR LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION

The first payment for library construction under the expanded Library Services and Construction Act was made by the Office of Education, U. S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

The payment, \$15,750, will be used toward construction of the Annapolis Area Library of the Anne Arundel County Library System in Annapolis, Maryland. Remaining payments of the total \$70,000 Federal share will be made as construction proceeds. Overall cost of the project is \$438,904. The library is expected to be completed in August 1965.

LIBRARIES AND THE VISTA PROGRAM

Libraries across the nation are being encouraged by the American Library Association to cooperate in recruiting for the Volunteers in Service to American Program.

Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, deputy executive director of ALA, said libraries were being encouraged to publicize the recruitment program in all appropriate ways. The

VISTA program is part of the Office of Economic Opportunity created by President Johnson to wage the War Against Poverty.

"We would like to point out that libraries may request VISTA Volunteers as a part of community programs under the Economic Opportunity Act," Mrs. Stevenson stated.

Libraries may use VISTA Volunteers providing the volunteers are not replacing staff engaged in on-going library activities. The volunteers must be used in new programs that will provide services to those groups named in the Act. Examples include developing programs for the culturally underprivileged child through pre-school story hours which utilize picture books and recordings, or programs for senior citizens.

"If a training site is set up in a library's area, we hope the librarian would contact the director to see what assistance the library could offer," Mrs. Stevenson added. "This is a tremendous undertaking which VISTA has embarked upon, and we hope libraries will do everything in their power to make the program successful."

Quantities of a fact sheet about the program and preliminary applications may be obtained from the Office of Economic Opportunity-VISTA, Washington, D. C. 20506. Copies of the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 are available from the Government Printing Office (PL 88-452). Libraries may want to display these fact sheets and make them available to interested persons.

OF LIBRARIES AND LIBRARIANS

At its December meeting the Allendale County Library Board voted to send a donation to the Kennedy Memorial Library Fund.

Mrs. Phil D. Huff, Laurens County Librarian, spent Christmas in Bermuda.

Mrs. Mary W. Hinson has been appointed librarian of the Fort Mill Public Library, a branch of the York County Library.

Mrs. Virginia Blackwell has succeeded Mrs. Gretchen McMeekin as an assistant at the Fairfield County Library. Mrs. McMeekin resigned to accompany her husband to the University of North Carolina where he is in graduate school.

During December the Colleton County Memorial Library exhibited paintings by Wilbur Fontaine who is a quadruple paraplegic. The paintings depict local scenes, animals, and birds.

The Spartanburg County Library is considering the purchase of a new bookmobile.

Work is progressing on the Hanahan Library building, and it should be completed by January 15, 1965. The library will be a branch of the Berkeley County Library.

ANDERSON LIBRARIAN RETIRES

Mrs. Janie Strickland, Children's Librarian at the Anderson County Library, has retired after 20 years' service.

Mrs. Strickland was the first children's librarian in Anderson when she was appointed in 1944 to take charge of the new children's room. The new department was made possible by gifts by two Anderson women. One donated \$1,000 for renovation of a first floor room, and another gave \$5,000 for children's books.

Mrs. Sara D. Hall will succeed Mrs. Strickland.

MATERIALS FOR VACATION READING PROGRAMS

The Children's Book Council is again preparing materials to implement summer reading clubs. Last year's slogan, "Vacation readers have more fun than anyone—except other vacation readers," will be retained. Maurice Sendak is the artist for the poster which is reminiscent of his "Where the Wild Things Are" in style and color.

The poster (75¢ each), bookmarks (100 for 50¢; 500 for \$2.00), and a mobile (50¢ each) will be available separately or in a Vacation Reading Kit (\$1.50).

The following items from last year's program are still available: posters by Robert McCloskey and Marcea Vasilio (50¢ each); "Reading on Vacation," a booklet of suggestions for encouraging children to read in leisure time (50¢); and decorated mimeographed paper, which can be used as certificates (box of 250 sheets for \$1.25).

The above prices may be changed. Final prices and more detailed descriptions will be given in the Vacation Reading order form, which may be requested from the Children's Book Council, Inc., 175 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10010.

HINTS FROM ALABAMA

In reply to a recent question "What do you use to prevent mildew on good books? Ours are an expensive set of encyclopedias," we found this answer in the noted newspaper column "Hints from Heloise": Take an old washrag and dip it in a solution of 5 per cent copper sulfate. (You can buy it at your drugstore; it is poisonous, so keep it out of the reach of children and do not buy too much . . . a couple of ounces will do.) Dip your washrag in this solution, and hang it outside to dry. (Hang it high enough so no child, or animal, can get to it.) After the washrag is thoroughly dry, rub all the leather bound books with it. It will not harm the leather. It prevents mildew. This cloth will do hundreds and hundreds of volumes of leather books.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Anne Library

Dear Anne Library:

Why do people think a library must be big to be good? Certain individuals in our county are trying to get all of the libraries to join together in a county library system. They talk endlessly about how much money, how many books, and how many librarians we could have in a system. The other members of our library board are almost convinced, but I think we are doing fine as we are.

Our town has had a lovely little library for many years. It is open three afternoons a week, and we have enough money to buy some good books all along. Often people give us books with which they have finished, so we really have all we need. The library is ours, and it suits our community. Why should we change? Why should we let someone else choose our books, and spend our money, and tell us how to run our library?

You probably won't agree with me, since you librarians stick together, but I wanted to go on record as still believing a small library can be good.

Sincerely,

Pro Status Quo

Dear Status Quo:

You are quite right—a small library can be good. But in a day of high costs and increased demands for service, the chances are great that a large library (or library system) will be much better. By pooling resources and sharing personnel, several libraries working together can provide far better service than they could give separately.

Since you seem concerned about outside control, remember that your community will be represented on the county library board—probably by a member chosen from the local board. The county board will establish policies regulating the library system after considering the needs of all the county residents. Funds (contributed by the entire county) will be spent in a way to give the greatest benefit to all the people. The interests of your library will be protected by your board member.

As for book selection, the branch librarian will be able to request the books needed for local use, although orders will be placed from the county headquarters. By means of rotating deposits and interlibrary loans, the readers of your town will have the entire book collection of the county system at their disposal rather than the few you now buy or are given.

Librarians do stick together (some of the time!); but, in my opinion, everyone would benefit from establishment of a county library. The taxpayers will save money; the librarian will get professional advice and assistance; and—most important—the library users will get far better service.

Anne

CAROLINIANA

Bowen, Robert Adger. Footfalls and Echoes. Available from Mr. Norton H. Campbell, Box 296, Pendleton, S. C. \$2.15 including tax and mailing.

A book of verse reminiscent of Pendleton, S. C. Proceeds from sale will go the Foundation for Historic Restoration in the Pendleton area.

Clemson, Floride. The poetry of Floride Clemson, ed. by Harriet R. Holman. University of S. C. Press, \$3.25.

Hall, Gordon Langley. Osceola. Holt, \$3.07 (Library edition). A teen-ager's biography of the celebrated Seminole chief written by a resident of Charleston.

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